

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion and the Terminal Disclaimer filed with this response is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, and 16-18 are pending in the present application. No claims are amended, canceled, or added by the present response.

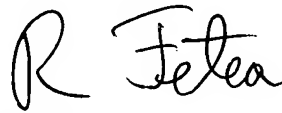
In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 9, 16, and 17 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, and Claims 2-8, 11, 12, and 18 were indicated as allowable if the above-mentioned rejection is overcome.

In view of this indication, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) is submitted herewith. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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